

IN THE CLAIM:

1. (Currently Amended) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle, the assembly unit comprising: a bearing block having mounts each with an inner diameter; a bolt having a length and with an outer diameter that is less than or equal to said inner diameter over the entire length of the bolt; and a lever arm arranged in said bearing block pivotably around an axis of said bolt fixed in said mounts, said lever arm comprising a pedal, said bearing block having at least one section with means for opening, deforming or expanding in case of an accident as a consequence of force acting on the assembly unit, so that the bolt disengages from said mounts as a consequence of said outer diameter of said bolt being less than or equal to said inner diameter of said mounts and the acting force opening, deforming or expanding said section, said bolt having an at least two-part design comprising a first part not made in one piece with the bearing block and a second part not made in one piece with the bearing block, said first part being a separate part from said second part, each of said first part and said second part having at least one connection area on which individual first part and said second part are engaged with one another in a positive-locking and nonpositive manner.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the connection area between said individual bolt parts is an elastic snap connection.

4. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first bolt part has an end slotted at least once with hook-shaped areas facing tapering sections of said second bolt part.

5. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 4, wherein on the end side said second bolt part has an engaging contour, behind which extend said hook-shaped areas of said first bolt part.

6. (Currently Amended) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 1, further comprising wherein said mounts include bearing elements for mounting said bolt rotatably and slidingly, said bearing elements being inserted into ~~said mounts~~ openings of said bearing block.

7. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 6, wherein said bearing elements are multilayer bearings.

8. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 6, wherein said lever arm is supported with flange-like sections at said bearing element of said bearing block on both sides when viewed in an axial direction of said bolt and said lever arm has a stop on an inner contour, said stop forming a contact surface with associated  
5 contact surfaces of said bolt.

9. (Currently Amended) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle, the assembly unit comprising:

a lever arm;

a bearing block having mounts having an inner diameter and with at least one section  
5 with section opening means for opening, deforming or expanding in case of an accident to  
move said mounts apart as a consequence of force acting on the assembly unit; and

a bolt having an outer diameter having a maximum size that is less than or equal to said  
inner diameter of said mounts over an entire length of said bolt, said bolt being supported in  
said mounts so as to disengage from said mounts as a consequence of the section opening,  
10 deforming or expanding from the acting force of an accident and as a consequence of said outer  
diameter of said bolt being less than or equal to said inner diameter of said mounts, said lever  
arm being arranged in the bearing block pivotable around an axis of said bolt, said bolt  
comprising a first part with an engaging contour engaged with a separate second part with a  
tubular portion having an engaging contour on an inside of said second part.

10. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 9,  
wherein said lever arm comprises a pedal.

11. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 9,  
wherein the connection between said individual bolt parts is an elastic snap connection.

12. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 9,

wherein said first bolt part has an end slotted at least once with hook-shaped areas and a side facing said second bolt part with tapering sections.

13. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 12, wherein on the end side said second bolt part has an inwardly directed engaging contour with said hook-shaped areas of said first bolt part extending behind said engaging contour.

14. (Currently Amended) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 9, further comprising bearing elements for mounting said bolt rotatably and slidingly, said bearing elements being inserted into holes ~~said mounts~~ of said bearing block to form said mounts.

15. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 14, wherein said bearing elements are multilayer bearings.

16. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 14, wherein said lever arm is supported with flange-like sections at said bearing element of said bearing block on both sides when viewed in an axial direction of said bolt and said lever arm has a stop on an inner contour, said stop forming a contact surface with associated contact surfaces of said bolt.

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22. (Currently Amended) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle, the assembly unit comprising:

a lever arm;

a bearing block having a first mount opening and a second mount opening;

5 a first bearing element supported at said first mount and opening to form a first mount having an a first bearing inner diameter;

a second bearing supported in at said second mount and opening to form a second mount having a second bearing inner diameter;

10 accident expansion means associated with at least one section of said bearing block, said accident expansion means for opening, deforming or expanding said section in case of an accident as a consequence of force acting on the assembly unit and for moving said first mount with respect to said second mount;

15 a bolt comprising a first bolt part mounted in said first bearing with a mount support end having an outer diameter of a size less than or equal to said first mount bearing inner diameter and with a separate second part mounted in said second bearing with a mount support end having an outer diameter of a size less than or equal to said second bearing inner diameter allowing said bolt to disengage from said bearings as a consequence of the section opening, deforming or expanding from the acting force of an accident, said first bolt part having an engaging contour and said second bolt part having an engaging contour forming a bolt  
20 connection, said first bolt part engaging contour engaging said second part engaging contour

to connect said first bolt part to said second bolt part to form said bolt with said lever arm being arranged in the bearing block pivotable around said bolt, said bolt having a recess contact surface and said lever arm having a stop on an inner contour, said stop forming a stop contact surface with said recess contact surface of said bolt.

23. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 22, wherein said lever arm comprises a pedal.

24. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 22, wherein the connection between said individual bolt parts is an elastic snap connection.

25. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 24, wherein said first bolt part has an engaging contour with end slotted at least once with hook-shaped areas at a side facing said second bolt part with tapering sections and said second bolt part has an engaging contour with hook-shaped areas of said first bolt part extending behind said engaging contour.

26. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 22, further comprising a flange-like section at each said bearing element of said bearing block.

27. (New) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 1, wherein each engaging contour is arranged within a region of said lever arm.

28. (New) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 9, wherein each engaging contour is arranged within a region of said lever arm.

29. (New) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 3, wherein said elastic snap connection is arranged within a region of said lever arm.

30. (New) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 11, wherein said elastic snap connection is arranged within a region of said lever arm.